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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir :

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments below place the application in condition for allowance by canceling the appropriate rejected claims and placing the objected to claims in condition for allowance.

Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0456.